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180 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:1,

(c) a nucleotide sequence from position 42 to 581 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:2,

(d) the nucleotide sequence from position 102 to 581 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:2,

(e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209866, or

(f) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209866 lacking its associated signal peptide encoding region; wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide capable of stimulating TNF- α production in THP-1 cells.

44. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 43 which comprises DNA encoding
a
polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 180 of the amino acid sequence shown as
SEQ ID NO:1.

45. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 43 which comprises DNA encoding
a
polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 21 to 180 of the amino acid sequence shown as
SEQ ID NO:1.

46. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 43 which comprises the nucleotide
sequence
from position 42 to 581 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:2.

47. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 43 which comprises the nucleotide
sequence
from position 102 to 581 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:2.

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48. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 43 which comprises the full-length coding

sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209866.

49. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 43 which comprises the full-length coding

sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209866 lacking its associated signal peptide encoding region.

50. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which comprises DNA having at least 80% nucleic acid

sequence identity to:

(a) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 197 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:3,

(b) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 19 to 197 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:3,

(c) the nucleotide sequence from position 50 to 640 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:4,

(d) the nucleotide sequence from position 104 to 640 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:4,

(e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203552, or

(f) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203552 lacking its associated signal peptide encoding region; wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide capable of stimulating TNF- α production in THP-1 cells.

51. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 50 which comprises DNA encoding
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polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 197 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:3.

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52. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 50 which comprises DNA encoding
a
polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 19 to 197 of the amino acid sequence shown as
SEQ ID NO:3.

53. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 50 which comprises the nucleotide
sequence
from position 50 to 640 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:4.

54. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 50 which comprises the nucleotide
sequence
from position 104 to 640 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:4.

55. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 50 which comprises the full-length
coding
sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203522.

56. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 50 which comprises the full-length
coding
sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203522 lacking its associated
signal peptide encoding region.

57. (New) A vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of any one of Claims 43
or 50.

58. (New) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 57.

59. (New) The host cell of Claim 58 which is a CHO cell, and *E. coli*, a yeast cell or a
Baculovirus-

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infected insect cell.

60. (New) A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of Claim 58 under conditions suitable for expression of said polypeptide and recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture.--

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